

Report of Accomplishments

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Oneida Soil and Water Conservation District

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Legislative District(s) 27



Function or Conservation District Mission

The Oneida Soil and Water Conservation District is dedicated to conserving our natural resources and promoting sound management practices that protect the environment and are economically feasible and productive.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- A total of 28 cooperators installed 36 Best Management Practices, preventing an estimated 80,000 tons of sediment.
- Assisted 34 landowners with NRCS EQIP projects.
- Provided technical assistance to 102 landowners in cooperation with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Idaho Soil Conservation Commission and Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts.
- Assisted with eight continuous CRP projects and five WHIP Contract.



Conservation District Priority # 1 – Water Quality

- Assisted IASCD & ISCC with stream erosion assessment in the Upper Daniels Watershed Riparian Project.
- Assisted eight landowners with on the ground conservation planning and implementation of Best Management Practices within the “Little Malad River” watershed.
- Completed and signed 319 No point Source Management Program sub grant agreement for “Wrights Creek Restoration Project,” in the amount of \$28,000.00.
- Approximately 5000 acres converted to conservation tillage.
- Reviewed draft and submitted comments for final document. Bear River TMDL plan

Conservation District Priority #2 – Non-Irrigated Cropland - Rangeland

- Provide technical assistance on 333 contracts / 70,000 acres currently enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program. Assist with mid-management practices on CRP land. Provide emergency grazing plans for producers needing to graze CRP ground.
- Sponsor and assist Oneida County officials, agencies, groups, landowners and concerned individuals with sage grouse and other wildlife issues.
- Assisted 15 landowners and provided public awareness of the Idaho SCC, Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development Program. Submitted and ranked six applications for loans/grants for Oneida County landowner

Conservation District Priority # 3 - District Operations

- Ensure continued technical and financial assistance to cooperators to develop and implement Programs to conserve renewable natural resources.
- Oneida SWCD provides leadership in a partnership effort to assist all landowners and help to conserve, maintain and improve our natural resources and environment.
- Conduit of non-regulatory natural resource technical, financial and educational assistance to over 800 landowners, operators and constituents.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Sponsored annual conservation tour in conjunction with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and US Fish and Game. Agreement with US Fish and Wildlife for total of \$125,000.00 over a period of five years for private land fish, wildlife and plant conservation projects.
- Held training for Malad High School, Agriculture Department, to teach soil judging techniques and sponsor team to Division V soil judging contest.
- Presented water conservation presentations to youth groups in Oneida County.
- Provided monthly precipitation articles to the local news media.
- Published eight conservation articles in the local paper.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Conducted three Local Working Group meetings for agency, groups and individuals to designate and rank where EQIP funds will be allocated in Oneida County.
- Assisted Malad City with soils information and plans for new landfill.
- Began plans to facilitate Conservation Security Program public meetings for producers.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners – to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho’s renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Oneida County	District Operations	\$ 7,000.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 15,437.55
USDA-NRCS	EQIP Administrative Assistance	\$ 15,491.84
Malad City	District Operations	\$ 1,000.00
State of Idaho	Sage Grouse Agreement	\$ 7,250.00
USDA-NRCS	EQIP cost-share allocated	\$ 285,000.00
USDA-Farm Programs	CRP / LAP / Disaster payments	\$ 3,500,000.00
USDA-NRCS	Species of Concern	\$ 62,783.00

One of many projects completed include the fencing of the head of the “Little Malad River.” A project made possible by several agencies.

